Sale of soft drink concentrate by Pepsi Foods

*156. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Foods soft drink concentrate sales are not to exceed 25 per cent of total turnover;

(b) if so, whether the turnover mean sales of only those items covered under the Foreign Collaboration approval; and

(c) whether the sale of Rice, Shrimps and tea would not be included in the turnover for the purpose of computing the soft drink turnover and if these items are to be included, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry had taken a view that the 'turnover of the company' should relate to the items specified in the letter of intent/foreign collaboration approval granted to the company; but the company has *inter alia* argued that the agreement does not define or list the products to be included in such 'total turnover' and therefore should include all products sold/exported by it. In view of the difference of interpretation of the term 'turnover of the company' the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Law and until the legal examination is completed and a decision is taken it will not be possible at this stage to categorically state whether the sale of rice, shrimps and tea are to be included/excluded in counting the turnover in the expression 'total turnover of the company', mentioned in the letter of intent/foreign collaboration approval.

Dual pricing policy for fertilisers

*157. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have expressed administrative difficulties in implementing the Government's dual pricing policy in regard to fertilisers — 30 per cent increase to big farmers and pre-budget prices for small and marginal farmers, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The State Governments have generally expressed administratvie difficulties in implementing the Government's decision to exempt small and marginal farmers from the impact of the latest increase in the price of fertiliser. However to ensure the benefit of prerevised prices to small and marginal farmers, guidelines for the scheme have been framed by the Government of India in consultation with the States. The States have been given adequate flexibility to finalised the scheme of reimbursement to small and marginal farmers.

People below poverty line in Madhya Pradesh

*158. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people living below poverty line in the rural and urban areas of Madhya Pradesh, *vis-a-vis* that in other States and Union Territories;

(b) what specific schemes have been submitted and approved for alleviation of poverty in Madhya Pradesh this year and

(c) the Central aid sought and sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) In 1987-88, the latest year for which information is available, the percentage of people living below poverty line in rural and urban areas of Madhya Pradesh and comparative position of other States/Union Territories is given in Annexure.

(b) The schemes approved for implementation during 1991-92 in Madhya Pradesh for alleviation of rural poverty are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and for the urban poor in the State Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) is being implemented.

(c) Central Assistance under IRDP and JRY to various States, including Madhya Pradesh, is made on the basis of incidence of rural poverty. The Central allocation for 1991-92 in respect of Madhya Pradesh under the poverty alleviation programmes is as under:—

(Rs. crores)

Programmes	Central Allocation 1991-92
IRDP	34.3
JRY	211.2
NRY	8.6

Annexure

Number and Percentage of Population below the poverty line by States separately for Rural Urban and combined areas 1987-88 (*Provisional*)

Sl.No.	States & U.Ts.	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No' of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh .	153·1	33·8	42·6	26·1	195·70	31·7
2	Assam . . .	50·[illegible]	24·5	2·5	9·4	52·89	22·8
3	Bihar . . .	300·3	42·7	36·1	30·0	336·54	40·8
4	Gujarat . .	56·2	21·2	17·1	12·9	73·25	18·4
5	Haryana . .	13·5	11·7	4·7	11·7	18·15	11·6
6	Himachal Pradesh	4·4	9·7	0·1	2·4	4·52	9·2
7	Jammu & Kashmir	8·4	15·4	1·4	8·4	9·79	13·9
8	Karnataka . .	102·8	35·9	33·7	24·2	136·46	32·1
9	Kerala . . .	37·4	1·64	11·6	19·3	48·98	17·0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	Madhya Pradesh .	194·0	41·5	30·9	21·3	224·97	36·7
11	Maharashtra .	166·9	36·7	47·2	17·0	214·10	29·2
12	Orissa . . .	124·2	48·3	10·9	24·1	135·12	44·7
13	Punjab . . .	9·6	7·2	4·3	7·2	13·88	7·2
14	Rajasthan . .	80·6	26·0	19·0	19·4	99·54	24·4
15	Tamil Nadu . .	138·4	39·5	38·5	20·5	176·85	32·8
16	Uttar Pradesh .	373·1	37·2	75·2	27·2	448·34	35·1
17	West Bengal .	137·2	30·3	36·3	20·7	173·45	27·6
18	Small States & U.Ts.	9·3	11·8	4·9	4·7	14·2	7·7
19	All India . .	1959·7	33·4	417·0	20.1	2376·7	29·9

NOTE: 1. The above extimates are derived by using the proverty line of Rs. 49.09 per capita per month at 1973-74 prices corresponding to daily calorie requirement of 2400 per person in rural areas and the poverty line of Rs. 56.64 per capita per month corresponding to calorie requirement of 2100 in urban areas.

2. For up-dating the poverty line for 1987-88 C. S. O. Private Consumption deflator has been used.

3. These calculations are based on the draft report of 43rd Round of National Sample Survey data on household consumer expenditure. (Report No. 372 'Report on the Fourth Quinquennial Survey on Consumer Expenditur', N. S. S. O., June, 1990)

4. The number of people below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st March, 1988.

5. State-wise poverty ratios have been estimated using the same methodology as was used at the time of formulation of Seventh Five Year Plan, Since then a number of issues have been raised about the methodology of poverty estimation and these issues are being considered by an expert group headed by Dr. D. T. Lakdawala.

6. The estimates presented here are likely to get revised in the light of the recommendations of the Expert Group.

Non-availability of fertilisers (Urea)

*159. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertiliser (Urea) used by farmer is not available on the sale agency Centres;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are making plans to ensure its availability in the market on the fixed price; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the table of the House.

Statement

Urea used by the farmers is, by and large, available at the retail outlets. The availability of Urea, however, was affected at some retail points between 25th July, 1991 to 13th August, 1991 in the wake of revision in prices and subsequent disruptions in availability in certain areas. Instructions have been